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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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For Treasurer—W. H. Rowland.
For Register of Deeds—Paschal Lunsford.
For County Surveyor—A. M. Leathers.
For Coroner—Dr. A. G. Carr.

SUMMARY OF THE VERY LATEST.

Mr. Earle Sloan, of Treasury Department, says the fissure on Savannah & Charleston railroad is due to the contiguity of a mill pond and not to the earthquake.—— Mayor Courtenay, of Charleston, reports $200,000 received up to date.—— Henry Irving, the great actor, has sent a contribution of $500 to Charleston.—— The New England Ship Builders Co's hands are on a strike.—— Elections in Maine passed off quietly. The Prohibition vote is light. Republicans carry the State, but by a reduced majority.—— In Amsterdam, N. Y., there is a strike and two thousand spinners are out of employment.—— Winchester, Va., went "dry" by 160 majority. The law goes into effect 1st of May next, and continues two years.—— The stock market of New York is stronger than for several weeks past.—— Philadelphia has impeached her mayor for failing to pay over to the treasurer the license fees within the time required by law.—— Wilmington had a base ball game for the benefit of Charleston.—— Goldsboro Rifles gave $25 to Charleston, and Neuse Lodge I. O. O. F. gave $25.—— Uniforms of the Governor's Guards, Raleigh, are expected this week.—— Ohio has had some earthquake shocks. In connections the earth has sunk several feet.—— A serious accident on the Nickle Plate Railroad, near Buffalo, N. Y., killed five persons and injured fourteen.—— A railroad accident, near Quincy, Ill., crushed the engineer and injured a brakeman and fireman.—— Norfolk sent $1,148.- to the earthquake sufferers.—— Raleigh is to have a cotton compress. Mr. Omega Foster is now at the North purchasing the machinery.

SALUTATORY.

In obedience to a time-honored custom, and because I desire to return thanks for the cordial welcome accorded me by the people of Durham, I write this. I am grateful for the many kind wishes and encouraging assurances I have received since I assumed editorial control of this paper.

I hope the readers of THE PLANT will continue to be its warm friends. I know that henceforth they are my friends, and for my friends I like to work. I have health and strength and am willing and anxious to do all I can to advance their interests and enhance their happiness. If I succeed in doing either, the future will make it known, I therefore make no promise but this: I will do my best. I am here to work for Durham. THE PLANT is essentially a Durham paper. It will continue to do all it can to increase the business of Durham, and I hope the business men will give it the cordial and hearty support that it enjoyed under its former management. It will try to give you the news. It will be outspoken and decided on the questions that may arise. It will be as zealously as heretofore to retain its hold upon the affection of its readers. I cannot close without expressing my thanks to the *Recorder* for its words of cheer and to the other papers of the State that have seen fit to say pleasant things about me. If I can deserve but half they say of me I will be worthy to enter the ranks and fight side by side with them for the continuing success of the Democratic party and the upbuilding of our old State.

W. G. BURKHEAD.

TO MR. C. B. GREEN:

THE PLANT has changed hands. Mr. Green, the very c[illegible], who [illegible] genial gentleman as chief [illegible] and the paper calls [illegible]

[illegible] suppose so. They know their [illegible] been beaten at the polls [illegible] year; they know their chances [illegible] exceedingly small, they know they have nothing to lose, and so they piously come to the front and say, "let's have a Prohibition party, we can never do anything till we have a party. Why don't some of you Democrats leave the old party and help us?"

Ah! that's just it. If they can get enough to leave the old party and help them, the "grand old party of moral ideas" will step into power and the State government will be in the hands of our enemies. Yes, Democrats, our old enemy confronts us. He disbands his soldiers, they stay no longer in his great army since the *commissary department* has been taken away. They must needs have office. The name "Republican" has become a name of reproach. So the leaders mask their batteries, draw down their old flag, and with placid countenance, but heart beating high with hope, with pious brow but with eyes rolling in anxious greed, send forward a flag of truce and cause the herald to say "Let's be friends, and fight together to rid the country of this accursed evil." And as the non commissioned officers of the other great army weep and hesitate, a grin of devilish delight plays around the herald's mouth and his heart whispers "we are fooling them." Friends, say no at once. Turn at once to your own party, and let the third party melt away in the warm, earnest work of the coming campaign.

Third, We are opposed to the third party because we are a citizen of North Carolina and love our State

What does the third party offer? It's platform promises one thing only: *We will wipe out whiskey.* Who stand upon the platform? Men who have been successful politicians? No. Men who are statesmen? No. Who are they? Some of them are Northern men who know little about us, and care less. Some of them are decrepit political war horses. Some of them are shrewd Republicans. What a set of leaders! What do they promise? To get rid of whisky. Well, admit that they will elect a *dry* set of officers, that the legislature will be *dry*, the juiediary will be *dry*. What good will it do? Suppose all the legislators are this year elected upon the third party platform with nothing else inquired into. How can that help us as a citizen of the State? They will go to Raleigh, cold sober, *perhaps*, and before the session is over be split all to pieces over the vexed questions that arise. How can the simple cry of Water! Water! appoint proper magistrates, levy just and equable taxes, provide for penal and charitable institutes and take care of the great agricultural interests? A third party man comes to us and asks us to vote his ticket. We as a citizen desirous of doing the best for the State, inquire: "How is your candidate on County Government?" "He is dry." "How is your candidate on the question of working the roads by taxation?" "He is dry." "How is he on public schools?" "He is dry." "How is he on railroads and other internal improvements?" "He is dry." The party is silent on all these great questions: Schools, Roads, County Government, Internal Improvements.

As a voter, looking for a party to administer the government under which we live, we should certainly pass by the third party, for we can't tell what is to be done in the State. All we can find out is that we are to have "no whiskey." When the new party offers a better system of county government than we have, when it offers a better system of schools than we have, when it shows a greater desire to build up the State then we democrats now exemplify, when it can give assurance that the taxes will be as low as they now are, than we may join it and work for it. As it is we cannot see that any interest of the State can be advanced by the third party this year.

THE Statesville *Landmark* says: "Mr. Linney denies that he has left the Democratic Party, but says the Party has left him." Half of that remark Mr. Linney, we will endorse. On the morning of the 3rd of next November Mr. Linney can tell the flat-footed truth when he says the Party has left him—and it ought to leave him. He has less excuse for being an independent than any man of our acquaintance. There is no man in the State who has muzzled more delegations packed more conventions and tricked more men out of nominations. He used to laugh heartily when after the campaign he would regale his listeners with the *modus operandi* of defeating so and so for Sheriff, or for Senate or for Congress. Oh! yes, Mr. Linney, it was funny then. Now they feed you out of the same spoon and you straighten up your countenance and earnestly cry: "Come unto me, the only true apostle of Democracy, the autocrat of conventions, and learn how the genuine article can flourish out side of the regular fold." Yes sir the Democratic Party will leave you—at home.

MR. MORGAN tell us that he has not met his colleague, Mr. Allen, but that from numerous sources he has learned that he will give strength to the ticket during the campaign, and make a useful legislator when he is elected, as he certainly will be.

WINSTON and Brower both want to beat Reid.

THE PLANT AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

We take occasion in the start to announce that it is the purpose of THE PLANT to stand fairly and firmly by the Administration and President Cleveland; and in every legitimate way give the President our undivided support. And in saying this, be it understood that we have no axe to grind, but base our announcement purely upon the fact that we deem the Administration worthy of the support and encouragement of all good Democrats. Since 1861, when James Buchanan laid aside the robes of office, this country has not, until this administration, been blessed with a Democratic President. And we find in the very fact that we have a President after our own political faith so much to be thankful for, that we shall ever cheerfully lend him our limited influence.

The fact that for the first time since the war three representative southern men have been given Cabinet positions, a southern man made Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; and representative Southern gentlemen have been named to represent this country abroad gives us a respect for this Government next akin to love.

It's true that since the war previous Administrations have chosen for high official position southern men, but not of such character, influence and sympathies that the South had cause to be proud. The class heretofore honored, represented that class of our people who gladly bartered their birthright for the mess of pottage. But Mr. Cleveland, the first Democratic President, gleaned among those statesmen and gentlemen whom we all respect, and while the honored may not have been from our own State, they have come from our dear South land; and it makes us rejoice to feel that we are again back in the grand old Union not only to bear its burden but to share its honors. We thank the President for what he has already done, and trust he may be spared to do more.

We are aware of the fact that the attitude of the PLANT respecting the President is of small moment, because we appreciate the fact that we are only a small "Country Weekly," yet this fact even does not bar us the privilege of expressing our opinion. We prefer to give no uncertain sound, and in matters pertaining to the interest of the public we want our position understood always. Like the old lady upon the battle-field who, when remonstrated with for being in a place of so much danger and directed to return home, declined upon the ground that if she could not fight she could show which side her sympathies were on, we want to show which side *we* are on. A certain portion of the Press is given to criticizing the President and his policy quite severely. This is all right, gentlemen, we will not fall out about this as this is a free country, and you are entitled not only to have your opinion, but to do as we do, express them.

For ourselves we have to say that Mr. Cleveland has conducted matters so much better than we could possibly have done, that we feel proud to hurrah for him. He has doubtless made some mistakes, but who has not? It is written that none of us are perfect; that we are mortals; then why expect so much from the President? He is only a man.

We hope he may be his own successor, and that he and his clever, sensible and handsome wife may be permitted to occupy the White House until this Government has been brought back to the ways of Jeffersonian Democracy.

A CLEVER GENTLEMAN WITH A BIG JOB ON HAND.

The *News and Observer* announces that Col. Jno. Nichols, of Wake, late "Revenuer," and lastly postmaster at Raleigh under Arthur, feels called upon to enter the Congressional race in this district against Maj. Jno. W. Graham. THE PLANT knows Col Nichols and values his friendship, and is sorry to find the gentleman engaged in so hopeless an undertaking. He will only have himself to thank for his defeat, for there is no chance in this district for any Republican, and that is just what Mr. Nichols is. He may claim to be the Independent Workingman's Candidate, but we have in politics so often seen the wolf in sheep's clothing that long since we have learned to spot them by their track. "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

It is the same old dodge the Colonel is trying to play and it won't work.

Again the Colonel in his card of announcement takes the "Grand old Party" to task for much that *it* only is responsible for. Now we submit that during all these years when the matters complained of were transpiring the Colonel was an ardent and enthusiastic Republican, and in full accord with his party, now if he found himself then unable to correct these abuses, how now with no party affiliations—as there are but two parties in Congress—can Mr. Nichols hope to accomplish anything? Then again is it right and proper that the Metropolitan District should be represented in the Halls of the National Legislature by a Political Hermaphrodite; one who will not be invited into the caucus of either party, where all legislative plans and policies are laid out, but left to sit on the fence outside? The interest of this district requires more attention at the hands of Congress than any district most likely in the State, then clearly it is in the line of common sense and plain business policy to allow Mr. Nichols to remain at home, filling as he does most creditably his position as a private citizen, and send Maj. Jno. W. Graham, who is in accord with his party and the present administration, to Congress, and our prediction is, this will be the result.

"SHOOT LUKE OR GIVE UP THE GUN."

On the 12th day of June, the town of Durham made and concluded a contract with A. H. Howland of Boston, Mass., to erect and maintain Water Works in the town. In this contract Mr. Howland agrees and binds himself to begin the work of construction within 90 days of the date of the contract, and to complete the same within 15 months.

Mr. Howland further agrees and binds himself, before beginning the work of construction to submit full and complete plans of the works, together with specifications, etc.

Mr. Howland further agrees and binds himself, to execute and deliver bond in the sum of $20,000, with two justified securities, after the plans and specifications are approved.

Now it is no part of our intention to prejudice Mr. Howland before the public, but we submit that the gentleman ought to be called to an account. The good people of the town have submitted and suffered already long enough, the many inconveniences arising from the lack of an adequate water supply. Long enough have our business public seen their interests threated by the ravages from fire, and schemed and planned for relief promised by the erection of suitable Water Works. Long enough have the different Insurance Companies threatened to withdraw from the town. Long enough has the insurable interest of the town been subject to the ¾ insurance clause. Long enough has it been the case that the cry of Fire! Fire! meant 1500 to 2500 citizens standing helplessly by and witnessing the destruction of their property. Long enough has the health of the town suffered for the want of a proper supply of water for hygienic purposes. Time would almost fail us to catalogue the *causa belli*. What makes the matter so much worse is that it appears to us that Mr. Howland is playing the "dog in the manger;" for we do know that when he contracted to do the work, others were willing to make contracts for the Works and had submitted bids for the same. But the unfortunate part of the matter is, Mr. Howland has fooled away the summer and done done nothing, and winter is upon us. But little work can be done now constructing Water Works, besides winter means "Fire," and we are again caught without protection.

We appreciate the force of the argument that all the Pipe Mills in the country are full of orders, and Mr. Howland could not get his pipe delivered before November. Admit that, then where are the two reservoirs (one 30,000,000 and one 5,000,000) his contract requires him to erect. Water Works are not built out of pipe alone. This season of the year above all others ought to find him building his cisterns. They are to be located about 4 miles from town and to place all his material on the ground, and to properly do the work means a great deal more than getting his pipe delivered. Again we can not learn that he has made any arrangement to control the water supply from which it is proposed to draw the water, and in fact, this is the only water supply to our knowledge to be had around the town in any direction that looks at all feasible.

We find then in conclusion that Mr. Howland has failed either to submit his plans and specifications or file his bond of $20,000, as he agreed to do within the prescribed 90 days, and as Durham proposes to have Water Works we suggest that he begin either to shovel dirt or get out of the way. In other words, "shoot Luke or give gun."

Since the above was penned it is due Mr. Howland to say, that he has written the chairman of the committee on Water Works, under date of Boston, Mass., Sept. 10th, saying the delay has been owing to matters entirely beyond his control, besides the illness of his brother-in-law, Mr. Ellis, his assistant in Chicago.

He declares it is his intention to begin at once to execute his part of the contract, and closes as follow: "I think you will be fully satisfied before we are through." We like such talk as that, and in common with all our people will rejoice at its fulfillment.

MESSRS. H. A. Reams and S. T. Morgan were at Roxboro, Monday. A crowd of the sterling Democrats of Person had assembled to hear Messrs. Reid and Long. We learn that both these gentlemen made strong speeches, that Mr. Reid was exceedingly eloquent and vigorous. Mr. Morgan also spoke and made a good impression. Person county will give her solid Democratic strength to the whole ticket. There is no disaffection there. The Republicans have a straightout ticket in the field, but there is mutiny in their ranks, over which the Democrats are not weeping. Person county must go Democratic this time. Go to work, Democrats.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

The Miller Case—Politics of all Kinds—Personals.

THE MILLER CASE.

James H. Miller, the white man who plead guilty before Judge Clark to an indictment for permitting gambling in his retail saloon, has served out his thirty days in jail and the commissioners have made an order that he be carried immediately to the work-house in case he fails to pay the two thousand dollars as fine and the costs. Inmates of the work house are allowed six dollars per month for their labors as a credit on their fines and costs. Miller has some property but it is not enough to pay off the mortgages thereon and the fines and costs. Maj. John Gatling, his counsel, has been trying to raise the money for him, but has not yet succeeded. If the money is not paid in a day or two Miller will be taken to the work-house. At six dollars per month he will remain there for more than thirty years. He is about 45 years of age and this will amount to imprisonment for life.

THE REPUBLICAN FACTIONS.

Dr. Mott is out in a long card in answer to that of Hon. Thomas Settle. Many who have read it say that it does not bear the impress of the venomous pen of the Republican Boss, and is merely an apology for attacking Judge Settle in the address of the Republican State Committee. One of the State secrets of the reign of President Arthur is given out for the first time by Dr. Mott. It is as follows:

ARLINGTON HOTEL,
WASHINGTON, June 24, 1883.

Dr. J. J. Mott:

DEAR SIR:—In closing out the controversy about the Collectorship in our (Greensboro) district, we desire to say to you that we earnestly wish the success of the Liberal movement in North Carolina, and will ourselves and through the newspapers advocate the coalition of all the Anti-Bourbon elements in our State for the defeat of Bourbon Democracy.

That we will recognize the authority of the State Executive Committee, of which you are chairman, and use every effort to harmonize all discordant elements in the party.

That in appointments to office in the service we will recognize the propriety of selecting good men from the different factions as an evidence of a disposition to and for the purpose of establishing harmony.

We recognize the value of your services, and will support you in your efforts to success. We will, also, in furtherance of this lend aid in continuing you your management through the campaign of 1884.

Truly yours,
W. H. WHEELER,
THOMAS B. KEOGH.

MOTT & BLAINE.

It has been suggested here by Republicans that Dr. Mott in giving out this letter could have added much more interest to current political literature if he had also given out the letter written him by Mr. Blaine after the Chicago Convention in 1884. The Doctor is reported by Col. W. Parker Canaday and James H. Harris, as having denounced Mr. Blaine as a thief and not worthy of the support of any Republican. This blunt estimate of the Plumed Knight was duly certified to that individual, and there was exceeding coolness until a correspondence was had in which it was agreed by Mr. Blaine that Dr. Mott would have control of the Federal patronage in this State. After the receipt of this letter the Doctor moved to Raleigh and opened the campaign.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

It seems probable now that there will be a considerable gathering of Republicans here on the 22d. Mr. Logan Harris is confident of a convention of numbers and of the best talent and character of the party. There is now no doubt of the nomination of a State Judicial ticket, and the formation of a State Committee entirely free from the control of Mott, Humphrey and Company. Either Mr. Thomas P. Devereaux or Thomas R. Purnell, will be the candidate against Judge Walter Clark. Mr. E. W. Pou, Sr., of Johnston, could have the nomination but he will not run.

WAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

A large Convention of Democrats met here on Saturday last and nominated the following ticket:

For the Senate—Rufus H. Jones.
For the House of Representatives—E. R. Stamps, Samuel F. Mordecai, B. T. Strickland and A. J. Blanchard.
For Clerk of Superior Court—Thomas Badger.
For Sheriff—J. R. Nowell.
For Register—M. W. Page.
For Treasurer—A. D. Jones.
For Coroner—Dr. J. B. Dunn.
For Surveyor—Joseph Blake.

This is a strong ticket and will be hard to defeat.

The Free Grass party, (anti Stock Law) held a meeting here to-day in the grand jury room. They will not fill the vacancies on their ticket until after the Republican County Convention is held on the 21st inst.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

A State Convention of the Knights of Labor was recently held here and a State Assembly was organized with Mr. John Nichols as State Master Workman. Heretofore the Assemblies in this State have been connected with the General Assembly of the United States; but the rapid growth of the order in this State has rendered a State Assembly necessary. There are now upwards of six thousand Knights in the State belonging to the seventy-five assemblies. The order was largely represented from all sections of the State, and the officers elected are representative men of the various trades. The order will not attempt to form political organizations, but the effect of their votes will be seen in many counties of the State. The General Assembly of the United States meets in Richmond, Virginia, next month and there will be three hundred representatives there from the several States and Territories.

REV. J. S. WHITE.

This young divine, who is developing into an excellent preacher, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of this city. He is now absent and will marry a Miss Posten, of Cleveland county, the last of this month and will return here and resume his pastoral work in October. In the meantime the members of the church under the lead of Mrs. William [illegible] quite a surprise [illegible] the way of bridal presents, [illegible] tical nature for house-keeping [illegible]. The divisions in the church heretofore existing, which threatened to destroy the influence and usefulness of this large body of Christian men and women, have all been happily settled in the selection of Mr. White as Pastor.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Bryan, wife of Mr. Wash Bryan, President of the Atlantic & N. C. railroad, is here at her father's, Maj. J. C. Winder; and her friends will regret to hear her health has not improved.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Fall Elections—The President and the Earthquake.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—I have interviewed a number of prominent Democrats and others from different parts of the Union, and have had the benefit of the news obtained by my colleagues. Without exception the intelligence from every quarter received by all channels is favorable for the Democratic party. In Indiana, where there was most confusion, order has come out of chaos. The withdrawal of Stockslager and the triumph in convention of Bynum ensure harmony in the two districts that were just a while ago affording trouble to the managers.

Gen. Clark, who saw at Capon Springs, Va., a full regiment of leading men from every section, tells me that there is a very sanguine spirit prevailing, and that nobody thinks of compromising on a smaller majority than that in the present House of Representatives.

Mr. Watson, of Indiana, reports his state as heartily sustaining the President.

Cleveland is said to be personally very popular with the Democratic masses, and the general course of his administration meets with favor. Since Congress adjourned it has been found that the opposition in that body is not sustained by any considerable sentiment among the people, whatever some of the politicians may believe. Quite a number of business men from New York and other northern cities have declared within the past few weeks that they would no longer vote the Republican Presidential ticket if Mr. Cleveland was recognized as the leader of the Democratic party. Several of these were among Mr. Blaine's stoutest supporters in the last election.

Nobody here cares whether Mr. Blaine pulls his party through in Maine or not. If he becomes the choice of the dominant element and secures the nomination in 1888, it is felt that Mr. Cleveland's re-election by a handsome majority is assured. Success in Maine means very little except this: if Blaine fails, it will throw a damper on his campaign from now on. It is probable that the Republicans will carry the State, although they have seriously offended the Prohibitionists and are not on the best terms with the Knights of Labor.

The State Department is in communication through our consul at La Paz, with the Mexican authorities to see that the alleged murderers in Lower (Old) California receive such protection as they are entitled to. Their names are Wood and Gaskell. They are accused of murdering a fellow American.

Public money cannot be used even in extreme cases of necessity, except on the warrant of law. This much seems necessary to be said because some persons appear to think that the United States government could easily send funds to relieve the present want of Charleston. By the way the people are doing all that can be expected. Thousands of dollars, the total not ascertained, have been sent from this city, much, if not most, having been contributed by the Department clerks.

Aside the earthquake and public sympathy with the sufferers, it ought to be stated the criticisms of the President to the effect that he has failed in duty, and that he has shown no proper feeling in the matter, are unjust and misleading. The President has been far away, buried in the woods, taking a much needed vacation, and only echoes from the great calamity have reached him. And yet, even under such circumstances he has done what was demanded by all the proprieties of the occasion. He has empowered the Secretaries of War and the Treasury to do every thing in their power to relieve the pressing needs of the afflicted people.

Many of the most eminent medical men of the world have notified Surgeon General Hamilton of their intention to be present at the International Medical Congress which is to meet in this city in September, 1887. At the proper time the local committee of arrangements will confer with the citizens as to accommodations for the distinguished delegates.

As Congress refused to make any appropriation for salaries, the National Board of Health has surrendered its quarters and returned its furniture to the Treasury.

Commander Sampson relieved Captain Ramsey on Wednesday as Superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The latter comes to this city to be placed on waiting orders. He has had a number of little difficulties with the cadets since he has been in charge of the Academy. He may be put in command of one of the new cruisers. The friends of the North Carolina cadets feel an interest in these facts.

All the hostile Indians who were recently captured have been ordered to be taken to San Antonio, Texas, until the will of the President as to the disposition that is to be finally made of them is known.

Comptroller Trenholm arrived today from Charleston. He lost some property from the earthquake.

A new post office has been established in Franklin county, of which Harrel H. Denton is postmasster.

A commission has just been sent to postmaster John J. Long, at Elmwood, Iredell county.

Mr. G. P. Erwin was in the city yesterday.

Mr. J. M. Currin, of Oxford, was here yesterday.

Mr. "Lex" Lanier, son of M. V. Lanier, the distinguished Oxford lawyer, is here visiting a relative, en route to the Bethel Academy, Va.

Among recent hotel arrivals, have been Mr. C. D. Benbow and Messrs. R. M. and Percy Albright, of Greensboro.

Mr. Parn[illegible] read its first [illegible] Commons.

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The Plumed Kn[illegible] tory in Maine which [illegible] defeat. He has lost his m[illegible]

Gloutman & Bingham, boo[illegible] shoe dealers of Boston, have fa[illegible] is thought their liabilities [illegible] $600,000.

The cholera is committing [illegible] ravages in Corea. In ten [illegible] people perished, and now [illegible] 497 persons are dying daily.

Boston is in high [illegible] wonderful [illegible] or, exhibiting [illegible] late races [illegible] latea.

Miss Ne[illegible] young lady of [illegible] ing with hemorrhage [illegible] burstin of a vein in he[illegible] ried to James Connor.

The Conference of the Cath[illegible] Bishops at Maynooth adopted [illegible] tions declaring that the Irish p[illegible] appreciated Mr. Gladstone's efforts [illegible] behalf of Ireland, and that they [illegible] demanded "Home Rule."

Captain Jack Hussey, the C[illegible] Garden life saver, he be is called, [illegible] works saved another life. [illegible] issue man this time, and he tried [illegible] drown himself. This is the forty-[illegible] life Capt. Hussey has saved [illegible] drowning.

Copenhagen is being visited [illegible] riots. Two thousand peasants [illegible] with sticks and stones, routed and p[illegible] to flight sixty gendarmes on last F[illegible] day. The government is rapi[illegible] concentrating troops and the situati[illegible] is becoming serious.

The Democratic congres[illegible] mittee say that they are [illegible] sands of dollars volun[illegible] by Democratic offic[illegible] ling a party text b[illegible] not take over that [illegible] bought by an officia[illegible]

Oswego, N. Y., has the oldest [illegible] dener in the world. His name is W[illegible] Shannon, aged 83. A few days [illegible] he stabbed his wife, 80 years [illegible] twice in the back, for throwing di[illegible] water on him. She died, and the [illegible] cient gentleman now languishes [illegible] jail.

Prince Alexander has bade farewell to Bulgaria. His manifesto of abdication was published Sept. 9th, and it is believed that Bulgaria will not have a Prince in the future, but that a Russian General will command the troops, and the Regency will be but a semblance of independent government.

The revolution in Mexico has reached alarming proportions. The revolutionary forces in the field already number 50,000. In Matamoras, Coahuila, and Nuero Leon the rising is very great, and the belief that a general revolution is imminent is forcing itself on the minds of the political leaders.

In Ireland there is difficulty in the enforcement of the laws of eviction. The soldiers in last Thursday returned to their barracks and refused to perform the duty of turning the helpless and infirm out of doors to starve. *United Ireland* says no power in Great Britain can collect the "landlord's tribute."

On the night of the great earthquake John Newton, the 16-year-old son of highly respectable parents of Augusta, Ga., was thrown into convulsions. He closed himself next day in his room and violently resisted all efforts to get near him. He was evidently driven crazy by the shock. Monday he was declared to be insane and will be sent to the asylum.

The New York State Free Thinkers' Convention continues its session at Saratoga. New speakers have recently arrived. They continually arraign christianity as the foe of liberty. Gopal Vinayah Joshee, a Hindoo, is now making a tour of this country against christianity. He bases his arguments on his observations of the mission work in India.

The crew of the schooner, Lizzie B. Simmons, that left New London in 1881, have suffered double disaster. They were shipwrecked amid the ice fields, and after being picked up by the bark Perseverance, were subjected to violent gales, and escaped drowning only by a miracle. They have just landed after their five years of hardships, at Peterhead, near Aberdeen, Scotland.

What causes earthquakes? is a question now on many tongues. A great many theories are advanced. Two very interesting ones are reproduced on the first page of this paper. The Encyclopedia Britannica is a recognized authority on all subjects, and it says: "Even at the present day, after all that has been written on the subject, but little is really known as to the origin of earthquakes." Now you have it.—*State Chronicle.*

In the case of Porter vs The Western North Carolina Railroad Company tried recently in Buncombe Superior Court, in which the administrator sued for the killing of Dan Dunnavant, and in which the jury gave judgment for $9,500. Judge Avery set aside the verdict on the ground that the defendant considered the engineer careless, and, he being the company's servant, the company was guilty of contributory negligence. The case will be tried over again at the next term of the court. Twenty thousand dollars damages was claimed.

Mr. John B. Hussey, chief of the Army Pensions Division of the Treasury Department, is pleasantly situated at room 51 on the third floor, corridor leading to the White House. Col. Edmund Jones, chief of the Customs Division of the same Department, is on the second floor right hand corridor as you enter the main door. There are two other North Carolina Treasury chiefs, more recently appointed. Mr. James Madison Leach, Jr., has an office in the 6th Auditor's part of the Post Office Department. The Sixth Auditor is the auditor for that department. Mr. George McCorkle is situated on the left corridor as you enter the Treasury building, first floor, room No. 06. He is the chief of the Pay Division of the Second Comptroller's office.